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Mr. A. Searle Field
Staff Director
Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Attn: Mr. Kirschstein

Dear Mr. Field:

On 6 November, Congressman Treen asked for Agency comments on allegations contained in a 29 October article in the New Orleans Times-Picayune. (Copy attached.)

It is requested that Congressman Treen be passed the following information in response to his query:

The Agency has no knowledge whatsoever of sugarcane destroying worms being sent into Cuba in the heel of an Indian citizen. The Agency also knows nothing whatsoever of a plot to infect Cuban livestock by the introduction of African Swine Fever.

In 1971, a massive outbreak of African Swine Fever was detected in Cuba. State Department reporting after the fact indicated that the disease had come into Cuba via dried, uncured meat imported from Spain. To prevent possible spread of the disease to the United States, the Department of Agriculture conducted a massive swine inoculation program in the Southeastern States. The Agency played a significant role in detecting the disease within Cuba, and was commended by both the Departments of State and Agriculture for its work.

We hope that this information will be helpful to Congressman Treen. Please advise us when this information has been passed to him.

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Sincerely,


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